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Mr. David E. Krebs
Council of Energy Resource Tribes
5670 South Syracuse Circle, Suite 312
Englewood, CO 80111

Dear Mr. Krebs:

In the Council meeting at Laguna Pueblo on May 22, 1979, Governor Floyd R. Correa requested that we, along with your office and the U. S. Geological Survey, submit our recommendations and stipulations with regard to The Anaconda Company's push-back mining modification. It was decided that your office would consolidate the recommendations and stipulations, then submit them to the Governor in one letter. The following are our recommendations and stipulations for the push-back mining modification:

1. We concur with the Tribal Council's decisions to allow Anaconda to proceed with open pit mining operations in the push-back area.
2. We also concur with the tribal decision to have the Route "B" alternate road built to replace the portion of the present highway that will be affected by the push-back mining operation.
3. The sides of the pit to be left at a slope which is safe and modified enough to lessen erosion. (Note: This stipulation must be reasonable enough so as not to create undue hardship on the Company which endanger the economics of the proposed operation.
4. The pit to be backfilled to at least four feet above the Jackpile Sandstone Formation.
5. The bottom of the pit be left relatively flat without any area left to accumulate ground water.
6. The backfill should be covered and dressed with at least two feet of top soil for revegetation purposes.



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7. That native plant species be used when the area is revegetated, and that the Superintendent at Southern Pueblos Agency be consulted for other recommendations prior to rehabilitation.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) KENNETH L. PAYTON
Acting Deputy Area Director

cc: Southern Pueblos Agency
Governor, Pueblo of Laguna

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